

THE BLOOMFIELD CITIZEN.

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Street Improvements.

The reports of the engineers employed by the Township Committee to suggest plans for the improvement of the streets, as printed in last week's Citizen, are of unusual interest. The answers to the question, "How shall the streets of the Township of Bloomfield be improved?" vary considerably, according to the interpretation put upon the question. Yet there is substantial agreement upon the engineering problems involved.

First, the three engineers agree in saying that a map should be made showing the present location of the streets, watercourses, houses of that part of the township south of Bay Avenue. Such a map is already in existence, and can perhaps be utilized for the work required.

Second, two of the engineers suggest that a general plan of future streets be adopted for the undeveloped portion of the Second River watershed. These should be so laid out that the whole land shall be developed for the purpose intended, with proper regard to drainage for the water and economy in grading the land.

Third, all the engineers recommend—that levels be taken on the present and proposed roads, and profiles made of the same, so that a practical and experienced engineer can establish a comprehensive system of grades for the present and the proposed roads of the Township. The location of roads and avenues should be correctly defined on the ground by monument stones, and carefully plotted upon a map showing the position of these stones and the distance between them, and also their angles. Where possible, all grades should be established upon existing streets so that individual improvements may be made accordingly.

Fourth, the engineers agree in saying that the grades of all roads should be so established as to carry upon their surface all the water that may reach them to streams of the water-bed without depending upon sewers.

Fifth, they agree in saying that in Bloomfield there are three drainage areas—Third River, Second River and Sunfish Pond. Drainage of lands and streets should be to these streams.

Sixth, there is agreement upon the necessity of a system of sewerage for the Second River drainage watershed to provide for the collection of house sewerage.

Surveyor Young says that no permanent or satisfactory development of the Township can take place unless the Township furnishes a sewerage system.

Various directions are given for the opening, grading and macadamizing of streets, and the development of a drainage and sewerage system.

Estimates of the cost of the work of surveying and map making are given only in this report of Surveyor Young. He says generally that he thinks \$10,000 will cover it.

Here then is the problem to be solved. The Township is in need of maps in order to carry out a large, systematic, and wise system of road, sewerage and drainage improvements. It has at present on hand a map of existing streets and water courses, purchased at a cost of about \$2500. It has also grade maps of most of the more important streets, with monument stones showing the grade upon the ground. It needs a general map with future streets laid off upon it, and also a general grade map which shall indicate satisfactorily the grades of existing and proposed streets, so arranged as to provide for the proper drainage of surface water and a system of house sewerage.

A special street improvement law, passed April 3rd, 1873 authorized the Township Committee to employ some suitable person or persons to survey and lay out upon a map or maps, a plan or scheme for the location of streets and avenues, blocks and squares in said Township, having regard to the nature of the ground, to a system of drainage, and to the existing streets. By this law streets may be vacated, straightened, altered or widened upon petition of a majority of the property owners, or whenever five members of the Committee vote for such improvement. Compensation to the owners of property by the payment of damages is provided for in the act. Provision is also made for paving said streets, the benefits to be assessed upon property owners.

Here then is the machinery at hand for the prosecution of the work preliminary to the improvement of the streets and avenues of the Township upon a large scale. Shall the Township enter upon this work? The cost will be considerable; first, the maps say \$10,000 then damages for opening, widening, and straightening streets, then payments, and finally sewers. It is costly work, yet in this way lies progress, growth, improvement.

Essex Hook & Ladder Co. No. 1.

The annual meeting of Essex Hook & Ladder Company No. 1 and the entertainment given on the occasion proved a pleasant affair. Nearly 150 members and invited guests were present. The truck had been removed from the building and placed in Dodd's stable across the street, shaking ample room for seating the visiting friends. President C. E. McDowell was master of ceremonies, and after announcing the results of the ballot for officers, and the reading of

Tower's annual report, socializing was the order of the evening. Essex Quartette furnished vocal music. The singing was excellent and heartily enjoyed.

Rev. H. B. Carlin, the newly elected Captain of the company, was the first one called upon by President McDowell to make a speech. Rector Carlin thanked the members of the company for the honor they had accorded him in their choice of a Chaplain. He hoped to be able to fit the office in as well as in name, and his audience learned much in what his services would be of benefit particularly in case of sickness or distress of any kind. When asked to give a reason for not disturbing a man who was sleeping, Rev. Carlin said that particular evening, "more than any other, I am deeply interested in my sleep." He then advised the audience to sleep in case of fire or smoke at night.

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Mr. W. H. Weeks, formerly of this town and now residing in Newark, in the organization of the department, was next called on. Mr. Weeks referred to the growth and progress made in the steps taken to organize it in 1883. He was very much pleased with Foreman Tower's report, and glad to see such good work was being done.

J. B. Reed was called on for remarks in regard to the Firemen's Relief Association and its work. Mr. Reed said that he could easily exhaust the eight hours allotted him, as he was one of particular interest to him. He said the Bloomfield branch was in good condition and doing good work. Mr. Reed forcibly urged the importance of sending to the home branch the full ten per cent which the law compels all foreign insurance companies to pay to the association.

Insurance Agents might better pay it here at home than send it to Trenton, where it would be divided among the associations of the state, seventy-five in all.

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An event occurring that gave great pleasure to all present was the presentation to the company of a well executed crayon portrait of Foreman Tower.

The portrait was enclosed in a handsome frame. Foreman T. E. Hayes made the presentation. The portrait is the work of Mrs. Charles Ashley and is intended to be suspended in the company's room.

The election resulted in the choice of the following officers: President, Chas. E. Morris; Vice President, Howard B. Davis; Secretary, T. E. Gedlin; Treasurer, W. B. Dodd; Clerk, H. H. Davis; Chaplin, Rev. Robert S. Carlin, of Christ Church; Foreman, Thomas E. Hayes; Assistant Foreman, E. D. Ackerman; Trustees, Frank G. Tower, Lewis Dawkins, J. T. Griffith and W. G. Langstroth.

"Fancy," Well, I should say so! Look at the one in short lace skirt to the knee, with lace arms, an immense muff, straw hat, etc.

What is it? Why, that is a Modern Columbus in the burlesque of the whole Magician. The pictures in the magazines for a long time have appeared in any magazine for a long time, and the symbol also contains a beautifully illustrated article on the interior of Vice-President Mortons' house, which is full of suggestions for modern houses.

The article in Stanley's "House of Easin," prettily illustrated, is also of great interest at this time. The Home-Boat in American Water," will give her to many who are wondering how to spend the summer.

In fact, the whole Magazine, from the handbag to the front of the "Spice Box" in the back, is artistically and handsomely executed.

It is evident how Demarest's Family Magazine has come down from the past few years, and now stands in the front rank of the Great Magazines. Indeed, there are other Magazines published that are acceptable to every member of the family. Published by W. G. Jennings, 13 East 16th St., New York.

Lewis Dawkins,

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